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FOR WATERCRAFT

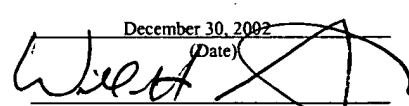
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Advisory Action Mailed on November 21, 2002, and supplements the Amendment After Final that Applicants mailed on November 4, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that both of these amendments be entered and considered in the continued examination of the above-captioned application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add following new claims:

26. (New) A watercraft comprising an internal combustion engine and a hull defining a center plane extending generally vertically from bow to stern, the internal combustion engine comprising a cylinder body defining at least one cylinder bore, a cylinder head member closing an end of the cylinder bore and defining a combustion chamber with the cylinder bore and the

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